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REMARKS

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1. On 30 January 1954, the cantonment in Wuhlheide, south of the Karlshorst race course was still occupied by about 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia, black-bordered crimson epaulets and, some, black-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered green epaulets. Between 25 and 30 January, up to 150 soldiers were daily engaged in infantry training in the area of the race course, about 60 soldiers trained with 2 SU-100 and 1 armored scout car at the water tower and an undetermined number of soldiers trained with 3 x 76.2-mm field guns along the railroad line. Other soldiers practiced firing with live ammunition on the new range which extends from Treskow Allee as far as Waldwiese (meadow). Six to eight light mortars were parked in the new sheds in the southwestern section of the installation. About 20 armored vehicles were parked at the western approach from Waldwiese.

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2. On 21 January, the cantonment at Wuhlheide, south of the Karlshorst race course quartered about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Twenty medium tanks covered with tarpaulins were parked in the billeting area, about 400 meters east of Treskow Allee. About 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the cantonment.

3. On 1 February, the restricted area of the western section of the Wuhlgarten insane asylum was still occupied as was observed before. About 10 vehicles covered with tarpaulins stood in three open sheds in the north section of the asylum. There was little traffic between the area of the insane asylum and the officers' billets south of Erbfhofweg. On 30 January, rifle firing was heard from the billeting area. Vehicular traffic was low.

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4. On 28 January, three empty new motor vehicle sheds were seen in the northwest section of the cantonment at Wuhlheide, south of the Karlshorst race course. Soldiers practiced marching in the area north of the race course and east of the cantonment.

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5. [redacted] construction work in the woods between Koenigin-Elisabeth hospital and Karlshorster Landstrasse and Hegemeister Weg had stopped because of heavy frost. An excavation about 50 x 20 meters and 2 or 3 meters deep had been made so far. 25X1
6. On 13 and 19 January, a double field cable line was laid from the Karlshorst restricted area to the building of the Soviet embassy located Unter den Linden.
7. Between 21 January and 1 February, no loadings and un-loadings were noticed at the railroad stations of Kaulsdorf and Lichtenberg.
8. On 25 January, Wuhlheide cantonment south of the Karlshorst race course was occupied by about 1,000 troops. Sentries observed at the western gate wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 23 and 25 January, about 10 canvas-covered tanks were parked in the billeting area. A T-34/85 tank and a six-wheel armored personnel carrier were seen in the billeting area. On 25 January, about 100 soldiers left the quarters toward the water works. [redacted] 25X1
9. On 19 January, Wuhlheide cantonment south of the Karlshorst race course quartered about 1,000 troops. On 13 January, 30 tanks covered with tarpaulins and soldiers engaged in the construction of vehicle sheds were seen in the southwestern corner of the installation. On 19 January, the 30 tanks were still there. They included 10 T-34/85 tanks. About 100 to 150 soldiers engaged in technical work. No other training activity was noticed. About 20 soldiers excavate a trench for the foundation, about 10 x 20 meters. Seventy officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, most of them lieutenants, left the billeting area and took the tramway toward north.
- Comment. Compared with previous information, the present report tends to indicate that, up to late January, Wuhlheide cantonment south of the Karlshorst race course was still occupied by a mechanized regiment of the 7th Gds Mecz Div and the restricted western section of Wuhlgarten insane asylum by the 93d Tank Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div. or [redacted] the 68th Gds Tank Regt. [redacted] 25X1

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